

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

**Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the
Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant
to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to
Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High
Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities
in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass,
Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton,
Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike,
Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and Shelby, Illinois**

Docket No. 12-0598

Rebuttal Testimony of

GREG R. SANDERS

On behalf of

Moultrie County Property Owners ("MCPO")

March 29, 2013

9 **A** I will respond to certain portions of the rebuttal testimonies of Ginger Durbin and Larry
10 Durbin of the Shelby County Landowners Group and Howard Kamm and Mary D.
11 Burns of the Piatt-Douglas-Moultrie County Landowners (PDML).

12 **Q** **PDML WITNESS MR. KAMM SUGGESTS THAT MCPO'S PROPOSED KANSAS**
13 **TO MT. ZION ROUTE WOULD BE "OUT OF CHARACTER" WITH AMISH**
14 **CULTURE AND FARM LOCATIONS NORTH OF ARTHUR, ILLINOIS. (PDML EX.**
15 **2 AT 2). HOW DO YOU RESPOND?**

16 **A.** Based on my personal observation and knowledge, there are Amish farmsteads and
17 cultural facilities within Moultrie County that are within a quarter of a mile of the ATXI
18 primary and alternate routes from Mt. Zion to Kansas as they pass through Moultrie
19 County. Specifically, I have observed five (5) Amish farmsteads within a quarter mile
20 of the primary route and five (5) Amish farmsteads within a quarter mile of the
21 alternate route. I have also observed that there is at least one Amish school facility
22 within a quarter mile of the primary route. In fact, it is my understanding that the
23 school has intervened in this proceeding.

24 **Q** **PDML WITNESS MARY D. BURNS (PDML EX 1 AT 2) DESCRIBES THE**
25 **POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSMISSION LINE ON**
26 **MCPO'S PROPOSED ROUTE FROM MT. ZION TO KANSAS AS IT RELATES TO**
27 **HER HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD. HOW DO YOU RESPOND?**

28 **A.** I understand Ms. Burns' concerns. I do not believe they are unique to MCPO's Mt.
29 Zion to Kansas Route. I have a farmstead in Moultrie County that is affected by
30 ATXI's primary and secondary route. The soil on my farm is prime soil as well. My
31 family has been in the farming business for seventy (70) years. The value of our

farmland and homes near the ATXI's proposed routes will also be greatly affected. Our farming practices will also be affected. Planting, tilling, spraying(ground and aerial application), and harvesting of our crop will be drastically altered.

Q HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE TESTIMONIES OF GINGER DURBIN AND LARRY DURBIN IN BEHALF OF THE SHELBY COUNTY LANDOWNERS?

A Yes.

Q HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF TRANSMISSION LINES THAT MIGHT BE BUILT ON THEIR PROPERTY AS IT RELATES TO THE NEW TILE SYSTEM THEY SAY THEY HAVE INSTALLED (SCLG EX. 2 AT LNS. 104-109)?

A I have drain tiles installed on my farm. Construction of transmission towers on my land could have impacts similar to those described by the Durbins. I suspect that other farmers with property affected by AXTI's proposed primary and alternate routes through Moultrie County have tile systems on their farms as well. Therefore, the concerns of the Durbins are not unique to Shelby County. In addition, as I have observed above, in relation to the testimony of Ms. Burns, concerns about and observations made on the construction of transmission facilities on farm property generally are not unique to the farming operations of Shelby County.

Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

A Yes.

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